

Bunny Ears for Kids

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What you'll need:

- White poster board
- Pink construction paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Tacky glue or school glue
- Tape or stapler
- Easter stickers, optional
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils; optional

How to make it:

1. Cut a strip of poster board about 2" wide by about 24" long.
2. Cut out 2 ears out of poster board each about 8 1/2" long x 3 1/2" wide.
3. Cut out 2 smaller ears out of pink construction paper.
4. Glue the pink ears inside the white ears.
5. Glue the ears inside the band, positioning to fit behind the child's head.
6. Let the child decorate the head band with stickers, markers, crayons, or colored pencils if they wish.
7. Tape or staple the band to fit the child. Cut off any excess.

Coffee Filter Butterfly

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What you'll need:

- ½ black chenille stem
- Paper coffee filter
- Water color paints
- Paint brush
- Water

How to make it:

1. Flatten the coffee filter and place it on a plate or newspaper, the paint and water will soak through. Set aside on paper towels to dry.
2. Fold the chenille stem in half. Remember, you are only using half of a chenille stem to begin with.
3. Fold the coffee filter accordion style, in about ½" pleats.
4. Position the pleated coffee filter into the bent end of the chenille stem. Center the filter at the bend.
5. Twist the chenille stem around the filter to secure it in place.
6. Bend the tips of the chenille stems over about ¼" to create the antennae.
7. Fan out the butterfly wings.
8. If desired, hang with yarn or fishing line.

Tips:

- For a more vibrant butterfly, be sure to paint all white areas with paint.
- Tie a piece of fishing line around the "neck" and suspend from the ceiling. They will look like they are flying!
- Instead of using all the colors on one filter, make some with warm colors (red, yellow, orange) and some with cool colors (blue, green, purple).

Coffee Filter Flowers

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What you'll need:

- Basket coffee filters
- Water color paints
- Water
- Paintbrush
- Scissors
- Green chenille stems (1 per flower)

How to make it:

1. Flatten coffee filter onto work surface (place some scratch paper or newspaper underneath).
2. Paint coffee filter with watercolor paint. Thin the paint more in some areas to make the color lighter. Use whatever combination of colors you like, we used two colors per flower. Let the filters dry completely.
3. Cut about 2" off the end of a chenille stem and set both pieces aside.
4. There are several different ways to make your flowers. You can fringe the ends in thin strips (leaving the center whole) to make the flower that resembles a pom pom. You can cut thicker strips, about 1" wide each, to make the petaled flower or don't cut the filter at all to make the rose.
5. Insert the large piece of green chenille into the center of the coffee filter about 1.5" in. Hold onto the small end and turn the flower upside down so that the long end of the chenille is sticking up.
6. Grasp the center of the coffee filter and gather it around the small end of the chenille.
7. Twist the smaller piece of chenille around the gathered filter to secure the flower in place. Turn the flower back over and fluff the petals as needed.

Tips:

- No two coffee filters will look the same. Thin watercolors to make lighter shades and use thicker amounts for bolder shades.
- You can speed dry the coffee filters by laying them in a sunny window or blow drying them.
- Make your own designs by experimenting with different cuts and sha

Some More Ideas:

You could also allow children to make these for Mother's Day in May.

Or you could make arrangements to come to the Pheroba Ann Thomas Resource Library with some craft foam and make some book marks, then use some of our tiny die cuts to make shapes for your children to use for decorating the book marks. They could also use glitter, yarn, etc.

We also have picture frame die cuts. They could also be decorated with some of the tiny figures, yarn, thread, glitter, etc. by each child. You could then take a picture of each child using a digital camera, print it with your computer or at Wal-Mart and place it in the frame the child decorated.

Ladybug Rocks

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d, ours come in several vibrant colors. Let your kids pick their favorite!

What you'll need:

- Smooth, round or oval rocks, washed and dried
- Acrylic craft paint in colors of our choice
- Black acrylic craft paint
- 2 wiggle eyes for each ladybug
- Black Sharpie marker
- Acrylic matte sealer spray
- White craft glue (Tacky Glue)

How to make it:

1. Completely wash and dry all rocks.
2. Paint rocks in desired colors, allow to dry. Apply second and third coats if needed. Lighter colors will require more coats than darker shades.
3. Paint head on using black acrylic craft paint. There is no pattern needed, simply paint about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the rock black in the "front".
4. Use a black Sharpie to draw a straight line down the center of the rock, starting at the center of the base of the "head".
5. Dip the end of a large paint brush, or the eraser of a pencil, in black craft paint. Dot on the spots, reloading with paint after every dot.
6. Once the paint is dry, spray the rock(s) with acrylic sealer spray. Allow sealer to dry completely.
7. using white craft glue, attach wiggle eyes and let dry.

Tips:

- If you are doing this in a group setting such as scouts or a classroom, you may find it easier to prepare the rocks ahead of time. Wash, dry and apply a coat of Liquitex Basics Gesso to each rock. This is a craft medium (white) that works well with many projects. It will also create a base so that less coats of color paint will be required.
- Bigger rocks are easier for small hands to manipulate. They are also heavier, so be sure that there are enough adult helpers for a group of little ones.
- White and black paint can be used instead of wiggle eyes. Simply dot on white paint, allow to dry, then use a smaller tool to dot on the eye.